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Applicant: Ralph K. ITO

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ALIQUOT

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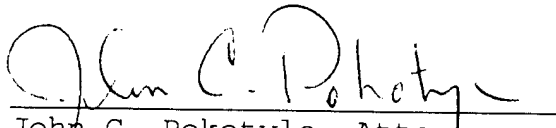
Sir:

REQUEST FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 6, 2002 (Paper No. 8), which set a time for response to expire on June 6, 2002, please extend that period one-month to expire on July 6, 2002. The fee of \$ 110.00 is included herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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